Cargo and passenger service targets

2001. SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the last 10 months of the fiscal year, Railways has exceeded the cargo and passenger service targets;

(b) if so, the reasons that helped Railways to achieve the target; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Yes, Sir. The revenue freight loading (in million tonnes) has been as under:

Target upto January, 05	Actual upto January, 05	+/-over Target
485	491.76 (Provisional)	6.76

Also, during April, 04 to January, 05, on Indian Railways 4597 millions of passengers were booked which is 6.32% higher than the correspoding period of previous year as compared to the target of 5.47% for the whole year 2004-05.

(b) There has been significant growth in the loading of iron ore for export (41.11%), cement (10.69%), fertilizer (9.24%), coal (7.77%) and other goods (7.78%) over the comparative period of last year.

(c) Does not arise.

Rail accidents caused by human errors

†2002. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether rail accidents being caused by human errors could not be checked due to ignorance of recommendation of Justice H.R. Khanna Committee constituted for suggesting safety measures of Railways;

(b) the details of rail accidents caused by human errors during the last five years, year-wise; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) the reasons for not implementing all the recommendations of Khanna Committee by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The details of rail accidents attributed to human error during the last five years, Year-wise, are as under:

Year	Total Accidents	Accidents on account of failure of Railway Staff	Accidents on accounts of failure of Other than Railways Staff	Total number accidents on account of human errors
1999-2000	463	287	105	392
2000-2001	473	293	109	402
2001-2002	415	248	103	351
2002-2003	351	186	118	304
2003-2004	325	161	107	268

(c) Of the 278 recommendations made by Railway Safety Review Committee (Khanna Committee) in both the parts of their report, 240 have been accepted fully or partially by Ministry of Railways. Of these, 136 recommendations have been implemented till 28-02-2005 and remaining are under various stages of implementation.

All the accepted recommendations of Railway Safety Review Committee could not be implemented till now since a large number of these recommendations are long-lead recommendations, implementation of which involved policy decision and development and introduction of new technologies on Indian Railways, availability of funds etc.

Steel production

2003. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the steel production in the country from Eighth Five Year Plan to Tenth Fiver Year Plan and till date, Plan-wise;